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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Akira KOGUCHI

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CONTAINER HANDLING SYSTEM FOR SUBSTRATE PROCESSING

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF HANDLING CONTAINERS

Examiner: Jeffrey A. Shapiro

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, for which a response was due on April 30, 2003, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from April 30, 2003, to July 30, 2003.

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